

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Summary of Klamath Project October 2012 Operations

The elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) decreased from 4137.84 feet on September 30th to 4137.83 feet on October 31. The October 31, 2012 UKL elevation is 1.68 feet lower than the elevation at the end of October 2011 (4139.51). Total net inflows to UKL for October were 60.24 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 75% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 79.81 TAF for the month.

Releases from Link River Dam averaged 717 cfs during the month, which included a period of reduced flows towards the end of the month for maintenance on JC Boyle facilities. The average Iron Gate flow for October was 1,016 cfs. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), no specific VBF releases were made downstream of Iron Gate Dam during October since the UKL elevation did not exceed the threshold of 4141.7 feet during the month.

Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing, and protecting water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act-listed fish.